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SUBJ: TRADE PROMOTIONAL POSSIBILITIES FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION
AND ENERGY ALTERNATIVES

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1. USINT DOUBTS THAT TRADE MISSION ALONG LINE PROPOSED REFTL
WOULD PRODUCE SHORT OR MEDIUM TERM RESULTS IN IRAQ. WITH ABUNDANT
PETROLEUM RESERVES, PRODUCTION BELOW CAPACITY, AND 85 PERCENT
OF ASSOCIATED GAS STILL BEING FLARED, IRAQ'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS
IN THE 1976-80 PLAN PERIOD DO NOT EMPHASIZE ENERGY CONSERVATION.

2. ELECTRICITY IS STILL IN SHORT SUPPLY AND THE IRAQI PLANNING
BOARD, CHAIRED BY MINPLAN ADNAN HAMDANI, HAS JUST ISSUED
INSTRUCTIONS FOR A CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT FREQUENT
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PEAK LOAD OUTAGES IN THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS.

3. PRESENT BUILDING TECHNIQUES USED IN IRAQ DO NOT INCORPORATE
MODERN INSULATION MATERIALS OR TECHNIQUES. THERE MAY BE A
POTENTIAL MARKET FOR THESE LINES.

4. AS NOTED IN REF. B, RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT THEME

EMPHASIZING SOLAR ENERGY MAY ENCOUNTER PROBLEMS IN IRAQ.
USINT WILL REPORT FURTHER ON PROSPECTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY AS
SOON AS GOI GRANTS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH CONCERNED OFFICIALS.

5. BEST FORMAT FOR AN EVENT IN THIS MARKET WOULD BE A TECHNICAL
SALES SEMINAR EMPHASIZING INFORMATION EXCHANGE. GOI
MINISTRY OF PLANNING WOULD BE THE PREFERRED SPONSOR AS IT HAS
LONG-RANGE RESPONSIBILITIES; HOWEVER, MINPLAN SPONSORSHIP
WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY BILATERAL POLITICAL ATMOSPHERICS IN THE
LAST QUARTER OF 1978.

6. USINT WILL SEEK GOI APPROVAL IF IRAQ IS INCLUDED ON
ITINERARY.
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